

MCA Welcomes Muhyiddin's Announcement On PPSMI

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The MCA welcomes the announcement that the teaching and learning of Science and Mathematics in English (PPSMI) will be maintained for students who have started learning the subjects in the language.

The announcement by Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin has paved the way for clear guidelines on the matter and put an end to any confusion.

It is good to note that students in Year Two to Form Four will continue under the policy until they complete their secondary school.

The soft landing approach to the issue has also provided schools the option to teach the two subjects fully in English, Bahasa Malaysia or bilingually.

The government has listened to the voices of the rakyat in coming up with the win-win situation for all stakeholders concerned.

It is however the fervent hope of the MCA that the Ministry of Education put emphasis on the usage of English to equip Malaysians with the universal language to keep up with the rest of the world.

We should work towards making English a compulsory pass subject in the SPM examination and also to make English literature as a compulsory subject in school.

The MCA would like to reaffirm its stand that all Malaysians should be multi-lingual by being well versed in Bahasa Malaysia, English and Mandarin to ensure we are more competitive in the globalised world.

While we pursue efforts to strengthen the usage of English, we should also ensure that we have a good command of Bahasa Malaysia, especially it is our national language.

In fact I delivered my speech at the recent MCA AGM in Bahasa Malaysia and that the delegates were allowed to debate in Bahasa Malaysia, English and Mandarin.

We have always subscribed to a multi-lingual and multi-cultural approach.

The MCA are all for grooming a competitive Malaysian race that is dynamic, outstanding and one that possesses great calibre, innovativeness and creativity, hence education policies should be based on merits and needs.

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